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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1896.

Selectmen.

SAMUEL E. HULL,

ROBERT BOOTH,

HUDSON W. HAKES.

Town Clerk—IRA N. GODDARD.

Treasurer—HENRY T. MAXWELL.

Auditor—GUSTAVE A. NEUDECK.

Collector—HERBERT S. HOPKINS.

Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY E. NEWELL,

HENRY W. CARTER.

HENRY VAN OSTRAND.

Assessors.

AUGUSTUS C. MOLT,

CHAS. F. HOLMAN,

HENRY W. DAVIDSON.

School Committee.

HENRY W. AIKEN, - - - Term expires 1899

D. EDMUND MARCH, - - - " 1898

AMOS ARMSBY, - - - " 1897

Trustees of the Town Library.

HON. JOHN HOPKINS, - - - " 1899

IRVING B. SAYLES, - - - " 1898

HENRY T. MAXWELL, - - - " 1897

Commissioners of Cemeteries.

DAVID ATWOOD, - - - " 1899

HENRY C. THOMSON, - - - " 1898

NATHAN H. SEARS, - - - " 1897

Board of Health.

WILLIAM E. HORNE, - - - " 1899

DR. H. W. CRONIN, - - - " 1898

DR. J. A. LANGEVIN, - - - " 1897

Constables.

THOMAS A. DOLAN,
HENRY F. HOBART,
THOMAS MAXWELL.

JOHN S. RICH,
ARATUS B. SLOCUM,
CHAS. H. SMITH.

Registrars of Voters.

AUGUSTUS S. WINTER,	-	-	-	Term expires	1899
JAMES J. SULLIVAN,	-	-	-	"	1898
JOHN CLIFFORD,	-	-	-	"	1897

IRA N. GODDARD, ex-officio, Clerk.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

WILLIAM E. HORNE,
RANALDO V. CAREY,

CHAS. C. LONGLEY,
CHAS. F. SOULE.

Superintendent of Streets—CHARLES P. STREETER.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions—HENRY W. CARTER.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Millbury:—

Your Selectmen respectfully submit the following as their report for the year ending March 1, 1897.

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. B. Perry, services as Moderator, March, 1896	\$ 10 00
F. H. Greenwood, printing 1,000 Town reports.....	116 10
F. H. Greenwood, printing 1,022 Assessor's reports.....	106 25
F. H. Greenwood, sundry printing	69 50
People's Coal Co., coal for lockup.....	10 65
H. W. Carter, extra for widening Howe avenue	47 75

H. W. Carter, for inspecting cattle from January 6, 1895, to March 1, 1896.....	152 25
Frank Davis, services as Teller, March, 1896	5 00
M. P. O'Connor, services as Teller, March, 1896	5 00
Thos. A. Power, services as Teller, March, 1896.....	5 00
M. J. Faron, services as Teller, March, 1896..	5 00
Robt. E. Molt, services as Teller, March, 1896	5 00
C. C. Longley, services as Teller, March, 1896	5 00
G. W. Marble, services as Teller, March, 1896	5 00
Cornelius Donovan, services as Teller, March, 1896	5 00
H. M. Webber, services as Teller, March, 1896	5 00
H. S. Mathews, services as Teller, March and November	8 00
J. F. O'Leary, services as Teller, March and November	8 00
Thos. A. Dowd, services as Teller, March and November	8 00
Thos. L. Brown, services as Teller, March and November.....	8 00
John Clifford, services as Teller, March and November.....	8 00
H. W. Sweetser, services as Teller, March and November.....	8 00
Jas H. Welch, services as Teller, March and November	8 00
Geo. A. Quinn, services as Teller, November	3 00
Charles W. Nunan, services as Teller, No- vember.....	3 00
G. A. Neudeck, services as Teller, November	3 00
D. Edmund March, services as Teller, No- vember.....	3 00

Thomas H. Sullivan, services as Teller, November.....	3 00
L. N. Thibeault, services as Teller, November	3 00
Robert F. Brown, services as Teller, November	3 00
Jesse M. Wignall, dinner for election officers	10 50
John S. Rich, care of tramps.....	50 00
John S. Rich, care of lockup.....	10 00
John S. Rich, coal for lockup.....	4 50
John S. Rich, police services.....	5 00
A. B. Slocum, police services.....	8 25
T. A. Dolan, police services.....	109 75
C. H. Smith, police services.....	29 25
C. H. Smith, serving dog warrants	10 00
H. F. Hobart, police services.....	10 15
Alfred Little, police service.....	6 25
J. A. Coffin, police services in 1895.....	2 00
F. J. Newell, police services.....	4 25
D. J. Dempsey, postage stamps for Selectmen	6 00
D. J. Dempsey, postage stamps and envelopes for tax collector.....	23 82
D. A. Powers, teams.....	21 50
L. B. Start, dinners during trial in suit against the city of Worcester.....	10 00
A. C. Molt, assisting Registrars of voters four days in 1895.....	10 00
Mrs. Henry Gover, rent of land for lockup...	12 00
Gazette Company, printing notices.....	1 50
C. F. Holman, stationery.....	1 26
C. P. Streeter, repair of Elm street watering trough.....	2 25
C. P. Streeter, repair of Burbank watering trough.....	5 67
James H. Ferguson, repair of Elm street watering trough.....	14 20
Sanford & Sawtelle, Assessor's books.....	11 25

Sanford & Sawtelle, book for Tax collector..	2 25	
Geo. B. French, stationery for assessors.....	1 30	
Patrick Buckley, police services.....	3 00	
E. B. Luce, making 3 photographs of Blackstone river.....	3 00	
G. S. Batcheller, balance of contract on Magowan bridge.....	12 00	
Sheehan & Cutting, counsel fees in the case of Braney against the town of Millbury.....	196 80	
Adolph Gonya, damages to team caused by defect in highway.....	5 00	
James H. Ferguson, repair of railing at thread mill.....	67 60	
C. P. Streeter, relaying wall &c., at thread mill.....	25 40	
A. G. Duggan, making 6 copies of decree in suit against the city of Worcester.....	3 00	
H. T. Maxwell, postage stamps, etc.....	6 24	
John S. Rich, care of lock up..	10 00	
“ “ care of tramps.....	100 00	
“ “ wood for lock up.....	5 00	
		<hr/> 115 00
I. N. Goddard, sundry expenses.....	19 65	
“ recording 143 births.....	71 50	
“ “ 54 marriages	8 10	
“ “ 101 deaths.....	12 10	
“ obtaining returns of 3 deaths	75	
“ services as clerk of Registrars		
of voters.....	30 00	
		<hr/> 142 10
Dennis Mulhane, returning 58 deaths for record.....	14 50	
Dr. Robert Booth, reporting 45 births	11 25	
Dr. J. A. Langevin “ 30 “	7 50	
Dr. J. R. Lincoln “ 26 “	6 50	
Dr. H. W. Cronin “ 17 “	4 25	
Dr. C. A. Church “ 10 “	2 50	

Dr. A. G. Hurd, reporting 6 births.....	1 50
A. S. Winter, services as registrar of voters..	18 00
John Clifford, " " " ..	18 00
J. J. Sullivan, " " " ..	18 00
T. H. Sullivan, services as town counsel.....	125 00
Estate of E. H. Waters, two years use of well for school	10 00
S. E. Hull, sundry reimbursements.....	8 72
Michael D. Callaghan, clearing brush from the land of the new Blackstone chan- nel, 1894.....	21 40
A. S. Winter, supplies	53
Wm. Harrington, reimbursement of taxes..	64 80
	<hr/> \$1,928 99
Appropriation.....	\$1,600 00
To be reimbursed.....	93 00

SUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

Appropriation.....	\$3,000 60
Paid Rudolph Hering, expert testimony.....	\$438 73
Ellen H. Richards, two days services and expenses	100 00
Geo. W. Waring, expert testimony, three days and expenses	334 95
Robert S. Weston, expert testimony, eight days and expenses.....	204 50
G. W. Rafter, expert testimony, eight days and expenses	318 59
H. M. Wilson, one-half expense of mak- ing report of trial	210 15
Noyes & Hazen, examination of sam- ples, preparations of, plans of filters for properly purifying the sewage of the city of Worcester, and making estimates of the cost of the same, expert testimony, minor services and travelling expenses.....	1,075 42
	<hr/> \$2,682 34

June, 1886, an Act was passed by the General Court, commanding the city of Worcester, within four years from that date, to remove from its sewage, before its discharge into the Blackstone river, the offensive and polluting properties and substances therein, so that after its discharge into said river, either directly or through its tributaries, it shall not create a nuisance or endanger public health; and that the supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this Act, by injunction, or by any other appropriate equitable remedy, on complaint of the Selectmen of any town in the county of Worcester, situated on the Blackstone river.

The four years allowed by said Act were permitted to pass without even a commencement of any method being made; then six settling-basins were built merely as an experiment, and the process of chemical precipitation by lime adopted. In 1892, ten more basins were added, without producing any perceptible improvement in the condition of the river. Your Selectmen, believing that the method adopted by the city of Worcester, after a ten year's trial, would not be sufficient to accomplish the end in view; and that the City Government, guided by a spirit of economy, was not inclined to use the best measures at its disposal to comply with the provisions of Chap. 331 of the Statutes of 1886, brought the cause before the Supreme Judicial Court, at its May sitting, 1893, and on December 14, the following decree was ordered by Judge James M. Barker:

"It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that this Court in these proceedings now has jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of the Act, entitled, 'An Act to establish a system of sewage disposal for the city of Worcester,' approved June 25, 1886, and that the respondent, the city of Worcester, be and is hereby ordered effectually to remove from its sewage, before it is discharged into the Blackstone river, the offensive and polluting properties and substances therein, so that after its discharge into said river, either directly or through its tributaries, it shall not create a nuisance, or endanger public health, and that the respondent shall proceed with due diligence in obeying this decree.

"That within three months from the entry of this decree the respondent shall file in this cause a statement of the steps which it has taken since the filing of the petition, and which it proposes to take in further compliance with the provisions of the Statute of 1886, Chap. 331, and that upon the filing of such statement the Selectmen of Millbury may file in this cause such suggestions as they may be advised.

"That this cause be retained in court for such further proceedings as from time to time may be necessary and proper to ensure the performance of this decree, and to enable the court to exercise the jurisdiction conferred by the statute above cited, and with liberty on the part of either party at any time to apply to the court for such orders or further decrees as may from time to time be necessary and just, and that the respondent pay to the petitioners their costs incurred to the entry of this decree, the same to be taxed by the clerk.

"JAMES M. BARKER, J. S. J. C.

"Pittsfield, December 14, 1896."

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation.....	\$2000 00
Order to Millbury Electric Company.....	\$1,703 30

By a vote of the town, at the last annual March meeting, the appropriation for street lights was reduced to \$2000, which sum the Millbury Electric Company considered insufficient, and refused to continue the same service for this sum, and in consequence the streets were left in darkness during the month of May and part of June. The Company then proposed to give to the town the same service it had been receiving at the rate of \$2000 per annum, till such time as the Gas and Electric Light Commission could be called and determine the amount the town ought to pay, the Selectmen to petition for a hearing. This being satisfactory to the town, a hearing was given in August, and on December 28, the following decision was rendered:

"The Board recommends that from and after the date hereof, the price charged by the Millbury Electric Company for arc and incandescent lights now in use for street lighting, operated substantially the same number of hours per month as heretofore, shall be at a monthly rate which shall produce for the whole fiscal year of the town not more than twenty-three hundred and seventy-five dollars; added lights to be supplied, if not more than seven be required, at forty-four dollars per light, per year; and if the number of lights shall be reduced, the reduction from the yearly amount named shall be at the rate of fourteen dollars and fifty cents for each lamp taken from the present number. A pro rata rebate, based upon the number of lights and price paid, to be made for a total failure of service of said lights, or any of them, and three incandescent lights to be considered the equivalent of one arc light in all computations."

There are at present in use thirty-two arc lights of a nominal twelve hundred candle power, and six incandescent lamps of thirty-two candle power.

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00
Orders to N. H. Sears	\$353 84
" to C. D. Morse Mfg. Co., 1548 loads of dirt, delivered.....	151 80
" to Carter & Hill, drawing 523 loads.....	65 37
	<hr/> 574 01

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation.....		\$125 00
Order to S. D. Waters.....	\$125 00	
	<hr/>	125 00

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Appropriation	\$2400 00	
Appropriation, hydrant at Buck Village.....	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$2440 00
Orders to the Millbury Water Company, from November 16, 1895 to April 1, 1896.....	\$2093 00	
Orders to the Millbury Water Company, water for Elm street watering trough.....	10 03	
	<hr/>	2103 03

CARE OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Appropriation.....		\$25 00
Order to N. H. Sears.....	\$5 00	

FIRE ALARM AT SECOND CONGREGA- TIONAL CHURCH.

Appropriation.....		\$150 00
Order to church treasurer, part expense of set- ting bell.....	\$150 00	

WATERING TROUGH AT BURBANK SQUARE.

Appropriation for change of location.....	\$ 50 00
James H. Ferguson, work and supplies.....	\$23 09
Millbury Water Company, work, cement, etc...	32 91
	<hr/> 56 00

For some four or five years past, the supply of water at the Elm street watering trough, which was furnished from the Cordis Mill reservoir was wholly insufficient to meet the public demand. Last summer, it became necessary, for this reason, to connect it with the main of the Millbury Water Company, at an expense of \$40 per year.

The need of a good watering trough in the center of the town is a want that has long been felt. Your Selectmen would recommend that a trough be located in this place, and that an appropriation of \$250.00 be made for this purpose and furnishing the three with water.

LIBRARY.

Appropriation, Dog tax.....	\$ 637 29
Orders to Carolyn C. Waters.....	\$230 69
“ Laura W. Sweetser	45 33
“ Sanford & Sawtelle Co.....	26 55
“ Estes & Lauriat.....	443 73
“ F. H. Greenwood, printing.....	40 20
	<hr/> 786 50

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, teachers, fuel, care of rooms..	\$11,200 00
“ Supplies.....	800 00

Appropriation, Repairs.....	500 00	
“ Superintendent’s salary.....	720 00	
“ Evening schools.....	350 00	
“ conveyance of school children ..	50 00	
	—————	\$13,620 00

Orders to H. T. Maxwell, by approval of Committee.....	\$13,216 49	
Order to I. N. Goddard, insurance.....	149 26	
“ C. D. Morse Co., setting lights.....	86 “	
	—————	\$13,366 61

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Order to F. H. Greenwood, printing.....	\$ 7 50	
“ James Clark, agent.....	97 39	
“ J. H. Ferguson, supplies.....	3 99	
“ Dr. H. W. Cronin, reimbursements ..	25 00	
“ Dr. F. H. Baker, making bacteriolog- ical cultures.....	15 00	
	—————	\$148 88

CARE OF CLOCKS.

Appropriation.....		\$100 00
Order to Flavel Flaggs.....	\$50 00	
“ C. C. Longley.....	50 00	
	—————	\$100 00

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation, highways.....	\$2500 00
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Appropriation, repair of sidewalks.....	150 00	
" breaking roads.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$2850 00
Orders to C. P. Streeter.....	\$2679 93	
" to N. R. Power, concreting.....	91 95	
" to Daniel Braney, work on Howe avenue.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$2775 88

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Appropriation.....	\$5500 00	
Orders to H. E. Newell,.....	\$7526 50	
" to I. N. Goddard, insurance.....	63 13	
	<hr/>	\$7589 63

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2000 00	
" fire hose.....	1000 00	
" Lion engine.....	100 00	
" care of fire alarm.....	150 00	
" fire alarm box.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$3300 00
Orders to Charles F. Soule.....	\$2360 64	
" to Fabric Fire Hose Company, 2000 feet hose.....	1000 00	
Orders to N. H. Sears, chemicals.....	18 60	
" to Saunders Cotton Mill Company, for use of horse, damages to wagon and loss of time by detention of team at fire of C. D. Morse sash and blind factory.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$3404 24

SALARIES.

Appropriation, Selectmen.....	\$300 00	
“ Assessors.....	300 00	
“ Overseers of Poor.....	300 00	
“ Town Treasurer.....	250 00	
“ Tax Collector.....	250 00	
“ School Committee.....	150 00	
“ Town Clerk.....	50 00	
“ Auditor.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$1625 00

Order to C. F. Holman, services as Assessor 66 days, at \$2.50 per day.....	\$165 00	
Order to A. C. Molt, 64 day's service.....	160 00	
“ to H. W. Davidson, 56 days.....	140 00	
“ to H. T. Maxwell, services as Treasurer..	250 00	
“ to H. T. Maxwell, managing State Aid..	25 00	
“ to H. E. Newell, for Board of Overseers.	300 00	
“ to H. W. Aiken, services as School Com- mittee	50 00	
Order to D. E. March, services as clerk of the Board	100 00	
Order to S. E. Hull, services as Selectman.....	100 00	
“ to Robert Booth, services as Selectman..	100 00	
“ to H. W. Hakes, services as Selectman..	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1490 00

TOWN HALL.

Appropriation for expenses.....	\$500 00	
“ “ salary of Janitor.....	300 00	
Receipts by Janitor	255 00	
Rent of Post-office.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$1305 00

EXPENSES OF HALL.

Orders to Millbury Electric Company.....	\$386 69	
“ H. M. Goddard, for coal.....	300 71	
“ People's Coal Company.....	152 25	
“ I. N. Goddard, insurance	148 17	
“ John Coulter, wood for fuel.....	5 00	
“ Henry Van Ostrand, painting.....	6 30	
“ C. D. Morse Company, repairs.....	24 50	
“ G. F. Chase, repairs.....	1 33	
“ F. W. Moore, 19 electric lamps.....	5 70	
“ R. B. Lovell, salary as janitor.....	300 00	
“ “ “ sundry supplies	9 91	
	<hr/>	\$1340 61

AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes for 1891.....	\$60 37	
“ “ “ 1892.....	300 53	
“ “ “ 1893.....	361 81	
“ “ “ 1894.....	900 68	
“ “ “ 1895.....	5406 28	
“ “ “ 1896.....	7212 36	
Sidewalk assessments.....	46 24	
Amount due from Railroad on account of Ma- gowan crossing.....	1500 12	
Due from Railroad for lower dam.....	3000 00	
Cash in treasury.....	1892 75	
	<hr/>	\$20,681 14
Orders drawn by Selectmen.....	\$40,401 24	
Error by overdrawn order.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$40,301 24
Interest paid.....	2583 83	
Town debt paid	3400 00	
	<hr/>	46,285 07

Appropriations, taxes	\$43,085 00	
Liquor License fees	3753 00	
Other licenses	28 00	
Receipts from Town Hall.....	505 00	
Receipts on account of schools.....	886 25	
Dog tax returned, appropriation	637 29	
Reimbursement for services of Cattle In- specter	56 95	
Reimbursements to Overseers of Poor.....	700 86	
Reimbursement on account of Magowan crossing	10,385 99	
Reimbursements for incidental expenses.....	158 58	
	<hr/>	60,196 92

For other Receipts and Reimbursements see Treasurer's Report.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Notes outstanding, Treasurer's report.....	\$50,000 00	
Outstanding orders.....	185 65	
	<hr/>	\$50,185 65
Less available resources.....		20,681 14
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Net debt, March 1, 1897		29,504 51
Net debt, March 1, 1896.....		34,701 53
		<hr/>
Reduction of Town debt		\$5197 62

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the year ensuing.

Highways, to include Superintendent of streets.....	\$ 3000 00
Repair of sidewalks.....	150 00
Bridges and culverts.....	100 00

APPROPRIATIONS.—Con.

School teachers, fuel and care of rooms.....	\$10,000 00
School supplies.....	800 00
Repair of school buildings.....	200 00
Superintendent of schools.....	720 00
Support of poor.....	5500 00
Fire department.....	2000 00
Miscellaneous.....	2006 00
Cemeteries.....	300 00
Street lights.....	2375 00
Expense of Town Hall.....	500 00
Hydrant service	2480 00
Board of Health.....	100 00
Memorial day.....	125 00
Care of clocks.....	100 00
Conveyance of school children.....	50 00
Care of public parks.....	25 00
Breaking roads.....	200 00
Suit against the city of Worcester.....	3000 00
Interest.....	2500 00
Town debt.....	3500 00
Services of Selectmen.....	300 00
Services of Overseers of poor.....	300 00
Services of School committee.....	150 00
Services of Assessors.....	450 00
Services of Town Treasurer.....	250 00
Services of Collector of taxes.....	250 00
Services of Janitor of Town Hall.....	300 00
Services of Town Clerk.....	50 00
Services of Auditor	25 00

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL E. HULL,
ROBERT BOOTH,
HUDSON W. HAKES.

Selectmen of Millbury.

REPORT OF THE MILLBURY WATER COMPANY.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 8 of Chapter 214 of the Acts of 1893, the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the Millbury Water Company, from its organization to December 31, 1896, is respectfully submitted.

RECEIPTS.

Capital stock.....	\$111,800 00
Service pipes.....	410 83
Meters.....	24 15
Office expense.....	474 87
Operating expenses.....	2 00
Water.....	3281 85
Meter rent.....	39 67
Power.....	676 94
Notes payable	6600 00
Bonds.....	85,000 00
Accounts payable.....	1414 46
	<hr/> \$209,724 77

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid contractors.....	\$191,933 27
“ “ “ Reservoir.....	6 95
Construction on account of pumping station.....	83 18
Construction on account of collecting well.....	73 54
Construction on account of service pipes	978 34
Construction on account of meters.....	391 25
Office furniture.....	50 14

REPORT OF THE MILLBURY WATER COMPANY.—Con.

Labor.....	1104 87	
Salaries.....	1522 67	
Office expenses.....	942 19	
Repairs	153 66	
Operating expense.....	6840 36	
Interest.....	4431 60	
Tools.....	4 20	
Accounts receivable	880 60	
Balance.....	327 95	
	<hr/>	\$209,724 77

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year ending March 1, 1897.

DR.

To cash on hand, per report March, 1896.....	\$345 52
“ received from sundry sources (see Statement of receipts).....	84,135 82

\$84,481 34

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By cash paid on orders of Selectmen.....	\$40,115 59
“ “ outstanding orders.....	499 96
“ “ for State Aid.....	847 50
“ “ Military aid.....	48 00
“ “ care of Cemetery lots.....	28 00
“ “ County tax.....	2801 00
“ “ State tax.....	1680 00
“ “ National Bank tax.....	2867 68
“ “ Abolition of grade crossing..	483 27
“ “ Interest on same	38 66
“ “ Burial of soldiers.....	70 00
“ “ fees of District Court.....	248 46

By cash paid for School bills.....	124 64	
“ “ Town notes.....	28,900 00	
“ “ Interest on Town notes.....	2583 83	
“ “ Failure of Overseers of Poor to make returns.....	1 00	
“ “ Commonwealth of Massa- chusetts one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of license.....	1251 00	
		82,588 59
“ “ on hand and in National bank.....		1892 75
		<u>\$84,481 34</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Received from

D. J. Dempsey, for rent.....	\$250 00	
R. B. Lovell, for rent of hall.....	255 00	
		<u>\$505 00</u>
H. A. Ryan, taxes 1891.....	7 00	
H. A. Ryan, “ 1892.....	55 64	
H. A. Ryan, “ 1893.....	316 17	
H. A. Ryan, “ 1894.....	1072 82	
H. A. Ryan, “ 1895.....	6963 75	
H. A. Ryan, sidewalk tax.....	31 90	
H. S. Hopkins, taxes, 1896.....	40,479 58	
		<u>\$48,926 86</u>
School Committee for tuition in schools.	\$56 55	
School Committee for old bells sold.....	67 14	
State Treasurer, income of school fund...	180 06	
State Treasurer, grant for schools.....	562 50	
		<u>\$866 25</u>
Millbury Savings Bank, loans.....	13,000 00	
County Treasurer, dog tax.....	637 29	
H. W. Carter, use of road machine.....	3 00	
M. D. Fleming, stone sold.....	25 00	
Worcester Suburban Street Railway Company, one- half ($\frac{1}{2}$) expense of culvert.....	10 13	
Sanford, Sawtelle Co., error.....	2 25	

Received from

School account, error.....	20 00
Central District Court, fees.....	13 67
Town Counsel, lawlessness.....	118 20
State Treasurer, Corporation tax.....	239 42
“ “ Corporation tax.....	813 54
“ “ National Bank tax.....	223 41
“ “ Military aid.....	24 00
“ “ State aid.....	862 00
“ “ inspection of cattle.....	56 95
Worcester Suburban Street Railway Co., McGowan's Bridge.....	500 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, grade crossing.....	\$6575 15
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., grade crossing.....	3810 84
	<hr/> \$10,385 99

Estate of M. F. J. Brown, et al., care of Cemetery lots (see account "Money in Trust,").....	1000 86
Mrs. Abbie Kloss, reimbursement.....	\$169 92
Mrs. Aubouchout “.....	11 00
R. Manson “.....	15 71
Mr. Crawford “.....	1 00
Town of Sutton “.....	126 00
Town of Milford “.....	12 00
Town of Chicopee “.....	54 10
Town of Oxford “.....	53 01
Town of Hopkinton “.....	105 45
Town of Northbridge “.....	62 67
Town Farm.....	90 00
	<hr/> 700 86

G. W. Dursthoff, Cemetery lot.....	\$35 00
Mary A. Russell “ “.....	25 00
Olney E. Cunningham “ “.....	25 00
Maria Stewart “ “.....	25 00
J. G. Maynard “ “.....	30 00

Received from

E. L. Bennett and M. L. Stokes, Cemetery lot.....	30 00	
		170 00
Fred. Bargeon, pool license		6 00
Shows: Show licenses.....		8 00
C. H. Smith, auctioneer's license.....	\$2 00	
John J. Scott, " "	2 00	
		4 00
George B. French, fireworks license.....	2 00	
S. C. Spooner, " "	2 00	
Thos. F. Branagan, " "	2 00	
Amos Handy, " "	2 00	
J. D. Fairfield, " "	2 00	
		10 00
N. H. Sears, druggist license.....	1 00	
B. F. Aiken, " "	1 00	
E. E. Wood, " "	1 00	
G. E. Palmer, " "	1 00	
Joseph A. Besso, liquor license.....	1000 00	
Timothy Welsh, " "	1000 00	
Edw. F. Roach, " "	1000 00	
E. R. Bartlett, " "	1000 00	
John M. White, " "	1000 00	
		5004 00
		<u>\$81,135 82</u>

MONEY DEPOSITED WITH TREASURER IN TRUST,

Total Cemetery Fund, March 1, 1896,.....	\$1440 09
M. F. J. Brown (Est.).....	100 00
W. R. Cunningham (Est.).....	100 00
Olney E. Cunningham.....	100 00
E. A. Sumner.....	100 00
Mary E. Russell.....	100 00
Abbie E. Woodard.....	100 00

Estate of Calvin and Lucy B. Barker.....	100 00
Maria Stewart.....	100 00
Susan P. Wheelock (Est.).....	100 00
Delia C. Torrey.....	100 00

\$2440 09

Interest on same, less expenses paid..... 40 58

Total Cemetery Fund, March 1, 1897..... \$2480 67

Income of the above to be expended on lots in the Cemeteries of Millbury, in accordance with Chapter 264 of the Acts of 1890.

TOWN NOTES OUTSTANDING.

DATE.	WHEN PAYABLE.	AMOUNT.	RATE.
April 1, 1870.	On demand.	\$10,000 00	4 per cent.
April 1, 1870.	On demand.	10,000 00	4 per cent.
Jan. 25, 1889.	2 notes of \$350, yearly.	700 00	4½ per cent.
Oct. 15, 1892.	6 notes of \$1400, yearly.	8400 00	4 per cent.
Dec. 23, 1893.	7 notes of \$300, yearly.	2100 00	4½ per cent.
Jan. 2, 1895.	8 notes of \$350, yearly.	2800 00	4 per cent.
Mch. 7, 1895.	March 7, 1898.	1000 00	4 per cent.
Jan. 4, 1896.	On demand.	5000 00	4 per cent.
June 1, 1896.	On demand.	5000 00	4 per cent.
Dec. 17, 1896.	On demand.	5000 00	4 per cent.

\$50,000 00

Cemetery fund with interest at 4 per cent. 2,480 67

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. MAXWELL.

Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

For The Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

BIRTHS.

Births recorded in 1896.....	144
, Males 77; Females 67.	
Number of children of native parentage.....	48
“ “ foreign “	50
“ native and foreign parentage.....	46
	— 144

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages recorded.....	54
First marriages.....	99
Second marriages.....	9
	— 108

DEATHS.

Number of deaths recorded..... 96

Males, 50; females, 46.

American born..... 70

Foreign born..... 26

— 96

Number of deaths under 1 year of age, exclusive of
still births..... 30

Number of deaths between 1 and 5 years of age..... 6

“ “ “ 5 and 10 “ “ 1

“ “ “ 10 and 15 “ “ 2

“ “ “ 15 and 20 “ “ 2

“ “ “ 20 and 30 “ “ 7

“ “ “ 30 and 40 “ “ 8

“ “ “ 40 and 50 “ “ 7

“ “ “ 50 and 60 “ “ 3

“ “ “ 60 and 70 “ “ 10

“ “ “ 70 and 80 “ “ 12

“ “ “ 80 and 85 “ “ 5

“ “ “ 85 and 90 “ “ 3

— 96

Average age, 32 years, 4 months, 6 days.

Deaths in January..... 9

“ February..... 10

“ March..... 17

“ April..... 12

“ May..... 5

“ June..... 8

“ July..... 8

“ August..... 8

“ September..... 9

“ October..... 4

“ November..... 4

“ December..... 2

— 69

DOGS LICENSED.

From December 1, 1895, to December 1, 1896.

312 males at \$2.00 each.....	\$624 00
25 females at \$5.00 each.....	125 00

\$749 00

Deduct fees.....	67 40
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Balance paid County Treasurer.....	\$681 60
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JURORS DRAWN.

April, Charles H. Searles; May, Walter L. Whitney; October, James Daniels; January, N. H. Sears; February, Charles L. Browning.

I. N. GODDARD,
Town Clerk.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Your Collector has to report that while on the whole he feels very well satisfied with the collections for the year, he wishes he could give a better account of polls collected. The past year has been a year of idleness to Millbury; many of the mills and shops have been shut down entirely or running on reduced time, so that the average poll tax payer, it has been a matter of necessity to use the \$2.00 for his family expense rather than paying the tax. Again, between the time of the assessment, and the delivery of the warrant to the Collector, many of the poll tax payers have left town, omitting to leave their address with the Collector. I think the above will explain the shortage in the poll tax account in a great measure. About the middle of January the Collector found it necessary to send his summons to a great many poll tax payers and he is gratified to report that the results were on the whole satisfactory. Any criticism which has been passed on his action in this matter, he is willing to leave to the maturer judgment of men who are willing to look at it in a fair light, and who, I think constitute the far greater portion of my fellow townsmen. As to real estate taxes there has been a general disposition to pay them promptly. And considering the general dullness of the times, the Collector feels

satisfied at the showing made. A large sum of money which will now be collected through the Insolvency Court, would, only for these disasters, have been promptly paid. These are sure to be collected eventually, but the Collector regrets that he hasn't them in hand to report to you now.

The Collector has no suggestions to offer, he confesses his inability to devise any system of collecting taxes better than the one now in use. And in submitting this report wishes to thank you for the help you have all given me in making an arduous task as pleasant and light as possible.

HERBERT S. HOPKINS,

Collector.

Amount collectible as per warrant.....	\$48,087 93
“ “ “ additions.....	140 25
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	\$48,228 18
Abatements	535 24
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	\$47,691 94
Amount collected.....	40,479 58
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Uncollected	\$7212 36
No. of single Polls assessed.....	844
“ “ “ collected.....	437
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“ “ “ uncollected.....	407
“ “ “ uncollectible, as per post-office returns of “ unfound,” “ not known,” or “ dead,”	48
Abated.....	6
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Uncollectible.....	54

HERBERT S. HOPKINS, *Collector.*

COLLECTORS REPORT.

TAXES FOR 1891.

Balance uncollected last year.....	\$	84 05	
Amount abated by Assessors.....	\$	16 68	
Cash paid to Treasurer.....		7 00	23 68
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Balance uncollected.....			60 37

TAXES FOR 1892.

Balance uncollected last year.....	\$	391 04	
Interest received.....		14 68	
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	\$	405 72	
Amount abated by Assessors.....	\$	49 55	
Cash paid to Treasurer.....		55 64	105 19
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Balance uncollected.....			353 00

TAXES FOR 1893.

Balance uncollected last year.....	\$	756 63
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COLLECTORS REPORT.—Con.

Interest received.....		45 02	
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	\$	801 65	
Amount abated by Assessors.....	\$ 123 67		
Cash paid to Treasurer.....	316 17	439 84	
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Balance uncollected.....			361 81

TAXES FOR 1894.

Balance uncollected last year.....	\$	2080 13	
Interest received.....		80 73	
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	\$	2160 86	
Amount abated by Assessors.....	\$ 187 36		
Cash paid to Treasurer.....	1072 81	1260 18	
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Balance uncollected.....			900 68

TAXES FOR 1895.

Balance uncollected last year.....	\$12,564 54		
Interest received.....		260 31	
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	\$12,825 85		
Amount abated by Assessors.....	\$ 455 82		
Cash paid to Treasurer.....	6963 75	7419 57	
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Balance uncollected.....			5406 28

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS FOR 1895.

Balance uncollected last year.....	\$	77 23	
Interest received.....		91	
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	\$	78 14	
Cash paid to Treasurer.....		31 90	
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Balance uncollected.....			46 24
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			\$7075 91
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HERBERT A. RYAN, *Collector,*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Year ending March 1, 1897.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNTS.

	DR.	CR.
Cronin Bros.....	\$307 80	\$307 80
W. E. Horne.....	320 39	320 39
P. C. Paradis.....	23 19	23 19
A. S. Winter.....	59 62	59 62
Incidental expenses.....	267 17	
Warden's salary.....	400 00	
	—————	1378 17
Board of Frederick Smith.....	•	6 43
“ Sewall White.....		9 00

	DR.	CR.
Cash on hand.....		\$ 90 00
Increase of valuation.....		213 14
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Receipts at Farm.....		\$1029 57
		<hr/>
Total cost at Almshouse.....	\$348 60	
Average weekly cost.....	1 24	

INMATES AT PRESENT IN ALMSHOUSE.

Thomas Scanlan,	Mrs. Chas. Smith,
Frank Hall,	Rebecca J. Wright,
Cornelius O'Leary,	Ellen Connors.
Patrick Donnelly,	

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

February 1, 1897.

LIVE STOCK.

14 cows.....	\$700 00	
1 bull.....	30 00	
2 yearlings.....	27 00	
1 calf.....	10 00	
3 horses.....	300 00	
5 hogs.....	25 00	
119 hens.....	59 50	
23 ducks.....	13 80	
	<hr/>	\$1165 30

HAY AND GRAIN.

19½ tons hay.....	\$351 00
4 " corn fodder.....	32 00
5 " meadow hay.....	40 00
18 bushels mixed feed.....	13 95

750 lbs. gluten meal.....	\$ 6 37	
6 tons bran.....	84 00	
95 bushels oats.....	28 50	
365 bushels corn	73 00	
2 bushels beans.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 631 82
5 harnesses.....		100 00
Ice, lumber and wood.....		375 00
Furniture and bedding... ..		450 00
Farm implements.....		600 00
Provisions.....		253 07
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		\$3575 19
Real estate.....		3000 00
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		6575 19
Inventory, 1896		6362 05
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Increase.....		\$213 14

SUPPORT OF OUT-DOOR POOR.

INSANE.

Caroline Brown	\$169 94	
Julius Buxton.....	104 46	
Margaret Dudy.....	19 50	
George Hope.....	62 67	
Olive M. Hancock.....	169 92	
Dennis Terriac.....	169 94	
Alexander Adams.....	169 92	
Ruth Dunkerly.....	169 92	
William A. Goddell.....	169 92	
Margaret Ryan.....	169 92	
Alexander Broult.....	169 92	
Mary Malhoit.....	126 74	
Bridget Broderick	169 92	
Insane reimbursed.....	169 92	
	<hr/>	2012 61

TOWN'S POOR.

Julius Buxton, State Farm.....	\$115 60
John Cusick, Home for Imbeciles.....	17 18
William J. Cassidy.....	26 46
Dennis Maloney, State Farm.....	38 57
Michael J. Ahern, " ".....	65 14
Alexander Tebeau, Grafton.....	43 00
Eli Russell ".....	5 00
Louisa Moriarty, ".....	8 00
Harvey Duquett, ".....	10 75
Orren L. Bonzey, Lowell.....	35 72
Oscar E. Moanin, Hudson.....	23 25
Mrs. Geo. Hope.....	136 50
Alice Connors family.....	184 40
Mrs. Edward's neice.....	181 80
John Brothers.....	18 65
John Mahoney.....	50 95
Mrs. Peter Lemay.....	188 90
William Devo.....	30 05
Arsedore Leplant.....	15 65
Thomas N. Mooney.....	21 34
Julia Shay.....	13 09
Mrs. George Bolliver.....	263 20
Thomas Small.....	14 40
Mrs. Corby.....	100 43
Levi Dunmore.....	25 05
Chas. Gerry.....	17 65
Patrick Kane.....	46 50
Mrs. Samuel Malhoit.....	164 95
Frank Minney.....	52 00
Mrs. Tyler.....	53 00
Mrs. Jenny Shurn.....	89 96
Eva Ligna.....	52 60
Paul Dumore.....	25 50
Henry Budreau.....	17 25
James White.....	155 00
William Steve Dudley.....	89 73
Mathias Brouilliard.....	25 50

Mrs. John Connors.....	\$ 76 49
Mrs. John Hope.....	112 79
Telesphore Roux.....	17 65
Martain St. George.....	29 10
Michael Mara	15 70
Louis Tebo.....	18 00
Napolian Mince	245 50
George Noe.....	1 00
Maxme St. George.....	25 00
J. B. Lairgine.....	30 25
Charles Palmer	8 25
Winifred Cosbelle, Lowell.....	3 00
Julia Cushing.....	159 00
Mrs. Wright	61 00
Mrs. Raymond	39 00
Emilie Tatro.....	28 50
Francis Tulley, Worcester.....	2 00
Euclid Jette.....	5 71
Louis Bouchard.....	52 85
Alex. Sherby.....	28 57
E. Gerry.....	39 40
Joseph Duhamel.....	5 00
Chas. Broult.....	55 25
Alfred Budreau.....	38 75
Alfred Paradis, Northboro.....	153 81
Louis Tebo.....	37 50
William Belville.....	28 57
Rebecca Wright.....	68 10
Pierre Adams.....	52 13
Joseph Norway, Webster.....	25 50
Amede Bastian.....	27 44
Léonard Wright.....	9 40
Joseph Creapo.....	5 00
Patrick Lynch.....	1 25
Fred. Adams.....	15 25
William St. Germain, Worcester.....	6 64
Patrick Fahey.....	12 70
John Noe.....	75

Andrew Tatro.....	\$ 10 25	
Edward Pigeon.....	6 00	
Chas. A. Brown, Winchester.....	7 30	
Mrs. Nallohan.....	15 00	
Thomas Ivory.....	5 00	
Oliver Perrott.....	17 25	
Moses Graylin.....	14 00	
Ella F. Eager, Boston.....	27 19	
Henry E. Shaw, Rochester.....	14 50	
Thomas N. Shaw.....	7 45	
Mrs. Robert Welch.....	52 00	
Mrs. Page.....	5 75	
Geo. Grover.....	37 14	
John Hurley.....	5 71	
William Connors.....	70 00	
William Trilligan.....	16 95	
Denis Sullivan.....	50	
Tramps.....	2 95	
Individuals reimbursed.....	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$4291 46

POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Charles Pierce, Hopkinton.....	\$23 30	
Geo. E. Davis, Grafton.....	26 65	
Mrs. McKeon, Northbridge.....	52 62	
Mrs. William Fisher, Duxbury.....	150 25	
John White, Oxford.....	50 01	
Sewall White, Northbridge.....	1 00	
Mrs. Rushlow, Spencer.....	5 50	
Mrs. Kate Holden, Holden.....	6 00	
Martain Burns, Sutton.....	72 00	
Moses James, Oxford.....	3 00	
Matthew Morning, Grafton.....	13 00	
A. B. Mason, Northbridge.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$407 33

STATE PAUPERS.

Mrs. Mitchell.....	\$3 00
Zephraim Richard.....	32 50

David Tatro	\$ 88 85	
Daniel Martain.....	20 00	
Fred. Smith.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$146 85

TOTAL EXPENSES.

Insane.....	\$2012 61	
Town Poor.....	4291 46	
Poor of other towns.....	407 33	
State Paupers.....	146 85	
Town Farm.....	267 17	
Warden's salary.....	400 00	
Overseers expenses.....	1 08	
	<hr/>	7526 50
Orders drawn.....	\$7526 50	
Paid by check.....		7526 50

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Reimbursed to Treasurer.....	622 86	
Due from Towns.....	300 70	
“ “ State.....	153 28	
	<hr/>	1076 84
Actual expense of the year.....		6449 66
Appropriation.....	\$5500 00	

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. NEWELL,
H. VAN OSTRAND,
H. W. CARTER,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

TOWN OF MILLBURY TO C. P. STREETER, DR.

1897.

To C. P. Streeter, 106 $\frac{3}{4}$ days.....	\$ 320 00
C. P. Streeter's team 61 days, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.....	246 60
H. Carter, team 23 days and man 4 hours..	92 60
T. Dolan, team 54 days, 5 hours.....	218 00
F. Bartlett, team 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	98 00
W. A. Harris, team 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ days.....	140 00
J. Daniels, teams 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	6 00
M. Jacques, team 1 day.....	4 00
H. Stockwell, team 5 days.....	20 00
W. E. Horne, team 7 days.....	28 00
H. McCracken	31 30
P. Dolan, team 10 days	15 00
C. H. Stockwell, team 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days and man 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	20 25

M. Lafayette,	\$ 170 24	
F. Abbott	110 24	
T. Donovan, 23½ days.....	35 25	
D. Leary, 34 days, 5 hours	51 74	
G. Raymond, 1-2 day.....	75	
T. Callahan, 27½ days.....	41 25	
C. Horgan, 43½ days.....	65 25	
J. May, 46¾ days.	70 12	
J. Lafayette, 1 day	1 50	
J. Powers, 2½ days.....	3 75	
D. Buckley, 61 days, 5 hours.....	92 24	
G. Pigeon, 25½ days.....	38 25	
J. Arbor, 4 days	9 00	
O. Morrell, 7 days.....	10 50	
H. Goddard, 45½ days	182 00	
J. H. Ferguson	6 95	
B. O. Paine.....	5 90	
G. W. & A. J. Rice	54 82	
Ames Plow Co.....	4 00	
S. Goodell, 6 loads of gravel.....	60	
H. Parks, 96 " "	9 60	
A. Harris, 77 " "	7 70	
C. Stone, 3 " "	18	
Mrs. Callahan 16 " "	1 60	
J. Little, 87 " "	8 70	
Cordis Mills Company 429 loads of gravel....	42 90	
H. Bancroft, 39 loads of gravel.....	2 34	
J. Hastings, 157 " "	9 42	
F. Brooks, 29 " "	2 90	
E. Small, 19 " "	1 90	
C. P. Streeter, 202 " "	20 20	
D. Ring, 32 " "	3 20	
W. A. Harris, 24 posts.....	3 00	
		\$2307 75

1896.

TO WORK ON SIDEWALKS, ETC.

March, To M. Lafayette, 1 day.....	\$1 50	\$ 1 50
C. P. Streeter, team ½ day.....	2 00	

2 men half day removing.....	\$ 1 50	
Timbers from H. Grover's land.....		\$ 3 50
April, To C. P. Streeter, team and two men		
half day on Dunn road.....	3 50	3 50
May, To work on sprout on Worcester road, M.		
Lafayette	1 50	1 50

WORK ON GUTTER NEAR A. S. WINTER'S STORE.

June, To T. Dolan, 2 days.....	\$8 00	
D. Leary, 2 days.....	3 00	
D. Buckley, 2 days.....	3 00	
M. Lafayette, one and one-half days	2 25	
C. P. Streeter, 2 days.....	6 00	
C. P. Streeter, team one-half day....	6 00	
T. Stafford, 2 days.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$33 25

WORK AT LAPPHAM'S CORNER.

June To T. Stafford, one-half day.....	\$1 25	
D. Buckley, one-half day.....	75	
	<hr/>	2 00

WORK ON MANHOLE AND GUTTER, NEAR S. HULL'S WASTE HOUSE, ELM STREET.

June, T. Stafford, 3 days.....	\$7 50	
D. Buckley, 3 days.....	4 50	
M. Lafayette, 2 days.....	3 00	
D. Leary, 2 days.....	3 00	
T. Dolan, team 2 days.....	8 00	
C. P. Streeter, 2 days.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	32 00

WORK ON SIDEWALK AT BUCK'S VILLAGE.

June, T. Dolan, 1 day.....	\$ 1 50	
M. Lafayette, 1 day.....	1 50	
D. Buckley, 1 day.....	1 50	
D. Leary, 1 day.....	1 50	
C. P. Streeter, 1 day.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 50

WORK ON BLACKSTONE RIVER DAM.

July, T. Dolan, 9½ days.....	\$38 00	
H. Goddard, 9 days.....	36 00	
D. Buckley, 9½ days..	14 25	
M. Lafayette, 9½ days.....	14 25	
J. Lafayette, 3½ days.....	5 25	
C. P. Streeter, 7½ days.....	22 50	
D. Leary, 6 days.....	9 00	
H. Bancroft, 279 loads of gravel.....	16 74	
	<hr/>	\$155 99

WORK ON BURBANK SQUARE WATERING TROUGH.

July, W. R. Cunningham & Son.....	\$ 5 67	
M. Lafayette, one-half day.....	75	
C. P. Streeter, one-half day	1 50	
	<hr/>	7 92

WORK ON ELM STREET WATERING TROUGH.

July, J. H. Ferguson, nails and spikes.....	\$12 64	12 64
S. F. Marsh, plank for South Main St. Bridge.....	28 50	28 50
W. A. Harris, plank for Cemetery bridge	40 00	
	<hr/>	333 80

WORK ON BRIDGE ON RIVERLIN STREET.

July, M. Lafayette, 1 day	\$1 50	
C. Horgan, 1 day.....	1 50	
C. P. Streeter, one-half day	1 50	
C. P. Streeter, one-half day.....	2 00	
A. H. Batchellor.....	26 05	
	<hr/>	32 55

WORK ON BRIDGE ON SYCAMORE STREET.

July, L. King, 2 days.....	\$3 00	
M. Lafayette, one-half day	75	
C. P. Streeter, 2 days.....	6 00	
C. P. Streeter's team, 1 day.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	13 75
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		380 10

RECAPITULATION.

Sidewalk on Riverlin Street.....	\$11 50	
Paving gutters.....	67 25	
Repairing sidewalks.....	3 00	
Removing Timbers from H. Gover's lot	3 50	
Repairing Blackstone River dam.....	155 99	
“ bridge on Riverlin Street.....	6 50	
“ “ Sycamore Street.....	13 75	
“ “ watering trough at Bur-		
bauk Square.....	7 92	
Repairing watering trough at Elm Street	12 64	
Material for Bridges.....	130 27	
Railing.....	3 00	
Gravel	114 24	
Highways.....	2158 29	
	<hr/>	2687 85

INVENTORY OF TOOLS.

1 Road Machine,
6 Shovels,
4 Picks,
2 Hogs,
1 Rake,
1 Stone fork,

1 Stone hammer,
1 Strike hammer,
1 Bush Scythe,
3 Lanterns,
2 Branding irons,
1 Tool box.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. STREETER.

CATTLE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

During the year, I have inspected eighty three (83) barns, seven hundred and fifty eight (758) head of real stock and one hundred and forty four (144) hogs.

Eighty head of cattle have been placed in quarantine, of which fifteen were condemned and killed.

One glandered horse has been destroyed.

Have inspected at the slaughter house, the carcasses of two hundred and forty four (244) animals, of which one hundred and fifty nine (159) were cows, nine (9) oxen, nine (9) bulls, fifty two (52) calves, eleven (11) sheep, four (4) hogs, of these three carcasses were condemned.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. W. CARTER, *Inspector.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN LIBRARY.

The trustees submit the following report:

The library has been open for the delivery of books 140 days during the year.

The following statement rendered by the Librarian to us shows the number and general character of books in circulation.

Total number of books delivered 16424 which are divided and classified as follows:

Fiction,.....	7620
Juvenile,.....	6789
Description and Travels,.....	335
Poetical,.....	102
Educational and Scientific.....	245
Literary,.....	159
Musical,.....	136
Agricultural and Mechanical,.....	14
Historical,.....	230
Biographical,.....	178
Magazines,.....	616

This shows a large increase over previous years.

Books added to the library 1895 and 1896, 384. Total number of volumes now in the library 8232. General condition good, and but few books need to be replaced. Cash received for fines, catalogues etc. during the year \$28.64.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash on hand March 1, 1896	\$164 73
Dog tax for 1896.....	637 29
	————— \$802 02

AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Librarians salary, Jan. 1896 to March 1897.....	\$204 16
Assistant librarians salary.....	45 33
Work on supplement.....	26 53
Estes & Lauriet, books.....	443 73
Sanford, Sautelle Co, binding.....	26 55
F. H. Greenwood, printing and binding.....	40 20
Balance on hand March 1, 1897.....	15 52
	————— \$802 02

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Cash on hand in town treasury.....	\$15 52
“ “ “ librarians account.....	64 01
	————— \$79 53

We extend to Geo. A. Custer Post No. 70, G. A. R., for their contribution of the volume entitled “Our Army Nurses”.

The Trustees recommend an appropriation of the refunded dog tax in accordance with the usual custom.

IRVING B. SAYLES,

JOHN HOPKINS.

HENRY T. MAXWELL,

Trustees.

REPORT

OF

COMMISSIONERS OF CEMETERIES.

DR.

To order from Selectmen.....	\$ 574 01	
Received for care of lots.....	258 85	
Due Commissioners.....	36 00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$868 86

CR.

By cash paid for labor at Central Cemetery....	\$493 04
“ “ “ “ West Millbury Cem- etery	27 00
“ “ “ “ Dwinnell cemetery ...	12 50
“ “ Thomas H. Hill.....	8 80
“ “ B. & A. R. R.	1 89
“ “ J. G. Johnson	15 25
“ “ C. L. Davenport.....	8 25

By cash paid C. R. Brackett.....	6 20	
" " J. H. Ferguson.....	25 02	
" " Asa Goddard.....	1 00	
" " M. H. Murphy.....	6 00	
" " R. C. Cunningham.....	39	
" " B. T. Rice.....	25 00	
" " E. R. Crossman.....	9 50	
" " Millbury Machine Co.....	8 85	
" " C. D. Morse Manufacturing Co....	154 80	
" " Carter & Hall.....	65 37	
		<hr/> \$868 86

In the above report is included the appropriation for parks of \$25.00 which was expended by the Commissioners, the labor being performed by the laborers from the cemeteries and through mistake could not be easily divided.

The bill of C. D. Morse Manufacturing Co. amounting to \$152.80 and Carter & Hill of \$65.37 was expended for material taken from the cellar of the C. D. Morse Manufacturing Co.

After a consultation with the Selectmen, the Commissioners concluded that it would be for the interest of the town to take it, so as to fill up the pond hole near the N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R. as they agreed to deliver the same at 10c per load, which was about one-fourth the price for which it could be done ordinarily. The Commissioners would recommend an appropriation of \$500.00 for the care of the cemeteries during the next year as it is impossible to do anything that would be satisfactory to the town for a less sum. It takes about \$300 to put the cemeteries in order for Memorial Day, the balance is needed to keep the avenues and paths in order and the unsold lots in proper condition.

It is hardly to be expected that persons owning lots will pay for their care if the town neglects to care for the unsold portions of the cemetery

N. H. SEARS,
DAVID ATWOOD,
H. C. THOMSON,

Commissioners of Cemeteries.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Millbury Fire Department.

MANUAL FORCE.

The manual force of the Department consists of Chief Engineer, three assistant Engineers, and sixty-six men, this number does not include drivers.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus of the Department, consists of two (2) steam fire, one hand and one Chemical engine, two hose wagons, one ladder truck and one hose reel.

The engines (steam and hand) and the hose wagons are in first class order. The ladder truck also, except that we need two new twenty-five feet wall ladders, one roof cutter bar and one pair of electric wire cutters. I would recommend that these be purchased at once and put on the truck.

The chemical engine is old and very much out of repair. Should be repaired if kept in service.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

The fire alarm in the past year has been kept in good order, and is in as good if not better condition now than ever before.

DEPARTMENT HOUSES.

The town owns two engine houses, one at Bramanville, and one at Grassy Hill, both are out of repair and unfit for engine quarters. The house at Bramanville is so small that the poles of both engine and hose wagon have to be taken off to close the doors when these pieces of apparatus are in the house.

The force pump in this house has worn out, and there is no means of getting water for the lavatory or to wash the apparatus.

I would recommend that the town water be put into the building this year. And that the town remodel the house or sell it and build a new one as soon as possible.

The old engine house at Grassy Hill, is of little value, it sits in a mill pond and is bound to be damp at all times, making a first class place to rot hose and rust and ruin the apparatus. Better quarters should be provided if a machine is to be kept in that part of the town.

HORSES.

The town should purchase three horses, one horse and swing harness should be for the chemical if this piece of apparatus is to be kept in service; and one pair for hose wagon or ladder truck. The money paid out each year for hauling the hook and ladder will go a long way towards buying a pair of horses. As it is now we cannot take a piece of apparatus out for drill without hiring horses. Consequently the men get no practice until they are called into action at a fire, and then they cannot be expected to work quick and effective. If we owned a pair of horses they could be used for drill work alternately on each piece of apparatus, so that both hose companies and the ladder men will soon get the needed practice for quick work.

HOSE.

The amount of serviceable hose in the Department is 4850 feet, which together with 250 feet away for repairs, when returned will make 5100 feet.

SALVAGE PROPERTIES.

We have none, but we should have four (4) rubber covering blankets, and I would recommend that they be purchased at once and be carried on the hose wagons.

EXPENDITURES.

The cost of the Department in the past year has been \$3404 24.

FIRES AND LOSSES.

The number of fires in town for the year was ten (10.) Valuation of property where fires occurred was \$7500.00; Insurance paid \$1300.00; Loss no insurance, \$2530.00.

We have responded to three fire calls from the town of Sutton, the past year. To one brush fire in town and two false alarms.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The Firemen's Relief Association which was started two years ago, is quite a help to Millbury Fire Department, and we hope it will continue to prosper and that the association will receive from time to time donations from the services rendered by the firemen at fires.

We would take this opportunity to thank the men of the Department, for the efficient and prompt manner in which they have responded to the call of the board, and to the citizens that have so generously aided the Department whenever they have been called upon.

W. E. HORNE, *Chief.*

SCHEDULE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY

2 Engine houses,	8 Side lamps,
1 Hand engine,	7 Axes,
1 Chemical engine,	2 Crow bars,
2 Steam fire engines,	2 Steamer fire boxes,
1 Ladder truck,	2 Steamer fire rakes,
3 Hose reels,	4 Steamer spooners,
2 Hose wagons,	49 Hose spooners,
2 Swing harnesses,	14 Hose straps,
2 Spreaders,	9 Hose jackets,
4 Whiffletrees,	2 Hydrant connections,
12 Chains,	1 Hand line,
2250 Double jacket hose,	2 Street lines,
850 Single jacket hose,	12 wrenches,
1750 Single jacket wax hose,	3 Hammers,
50 Rubber hose,	3 Screw drivers,
4 Shut off spray nozzles,	1 Wagon jack,
1 Plain spray nozzle,	3 Oil cans,
10 plain nozzles,	2 Machine oilers,
1 chemical nozzle,	7 Hydrant wrenches,
2 Extension ladders,	2 Siamese gated,
3 Roof ladders,	2 Siamese open,
1 18 foot wall ladder,	3 Shovels,
2 20 foot wall ladders,	4 Baskets,
4 Guy or hoist poles,	3 Sponges,
1 Chain hook,	1 Box of harness soap,
7 Plain pole hooks,	1 Snow shovel,
1 Pike pole,	2 Extinguishers,
2 Forks,	5 Line gun cartridges,
12 Buckets,	125 Pounds of soda,
36 Coats,	3 Gallons of acid,
7 Mackintoshes,	1 Cord wood,
50 House keys,	1 Ton of furnace coal,
30 Box keys,	4 Tons of steamer coal,
21 Belts,	3 Company books,
1 Line gun,	800 Property reports,
1 Canvass fire escape,	150 Copies of regulations,
1 Jump net,	1 box of polish,

11 Lanterns,	2 Horse blankets,
50 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ rubber hose,	Miles of wire,
75 feet rubber chemical hose,	1 hose mending machine.
14 Fire alarm boxes,	

Estimated value of house, apparatus, tools, &c., as per schedule, \$13,335.00.

SALARIES.

Salaries \$1400 40

TEAMS.

Bill of H. M. Goddard.....	\$ 35 00
“ Daniel Braney.....	31 00
“ C. D. Whitney.....	19 00
“ Jas. White.....	2 00
“ Sweetser & Co.....	14 00
“ W. A. Harris.....	9 00
“ George Jaques.....	40 00
“ F. R. Bartlett.....	4 00
“ M. H. Murphy.....	9 00
“ W. E. Horne.....	131 00
“ D. A. Powers.....	1 00
“ John Welsh.....	4 00
“ John Coulter.....	4 00
“ John Dolan.....	4 00
	<hr/> \$ 307 00

SUPPLIES.

Bill of W. E. Horne.....	\$ 48 39
“ Combination Ladder Company.....	72 00
“ W. A. Thompson.....	8 50
“ H. M. Goddard.....	84
“ R. V. Carey.....	75
“ Dunton & Goodell.....	75
“ American Engine Company.....	10 90

Bill of N. H. Sears.....	\$ 3 15	
“ Cronin Bros.....	5 13	
“ Samuel E. Hull.....	4 83	
“ James H. Ferguson & Company.....	15 32	
“ Oak Hall Clothing Company.....	91 00	
“ Braman & Dow.....	77	
“ George B. French.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 263 55
“ N. H. Sears.....	\$ 18 60	
“ Saundersville Cotton Mill Company	25 00	
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		\$2014 55

SUPPLIES FOR FIRE ALARM.

Bill of George H. Thurston.....	\$ 24 76	
“ Washburn & Moen.....	6 32	
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CARE OF FIRE ALARM.

“ C. C. Longley.....	\$140 00	
“ F. Flagg.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	150 00
New alarm box.....		50 00

REPAIRS.

Bill of George F. Chase.....	\$ 3 53	
“ B. F. Furnan.....	4 00	
“ Gleason & Bailey.....	24 00	
“ George Jaques.....	5 00	
“ H. M. Webber.....	5 00	
“ B. O. Paine.....	42 00	
	<hr/>	83 53

EXPRESS.

Bill of C. D. Whitney.....	\$ 1 90
“ N. Y., N., H. & H. R. R.....	95
“ Adams Express Company.....	85
	<hr/> \$ 3 70

COAL.

“ H. M. Goddard.....	39 38
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PRINTING.

“ H. M. Billings.....	32 00
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HOSE.

“ Fabrick Fire Hose Company.....	1000 00
	<hr/> \$1389 69

W. E. HORNE,
C. C. LONGLEY,
R. V. CAREY,
C. F. SOULE.

Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

In presenting the annual report for the year 1896, the Board of Health deems it wise to again repeat its warning to the citizens of the town, to give due attention to the sanitary arrangement of cess-pools, privy vaults, sink drains and stables, their location with reference to wells which furnish water for domestic use.

For the immediate protection of the citizens of the town the Board has arranged with F. H. Baker, M. D., of Worcester, to have pathological examination made at the expense of the town, from cuturer of the throat when diphtheria is suspected. Test tubes and swabs can be found at the drug stores of the town, supplied by Dr. Baker, and anti-toxine will be furnished free by the State Board on application at the office of the Worcester Board of Health.

The total number of deaths recorded in 1896 is 96, exclusive of 5 still-born.

Thirty-seven cases of contagious diseases have been reported to the Board; 9 cases of diphtheria, 11 cases of scarlet fever, 3 cases of typhoid fever, and 14 cases of measles.

The expenses of the Board for the year have been for postage, printing, placarding houses, fumigating houses and bill to

Mr. James Clark, agent of the Board.....	\$124 08
To F. H. Baker, M. D., for pathological examinations	15 00

Making a total of.....	\$139 08
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The Board recommends an appropriation of \$200, the same as last year.

H. W. CRONIN, M. D.
W. E. HORNE,
J. A. LANGEVIN, M. D.

Board of Health.

Millbury, Mass., March 1, 1897.

WARRANT.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Millbury, in the County of Worcester, GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Millbury, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town hall, in said Millbury, on Monday, the fifteenth day of March instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit :—

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Article 2. To chose by ballot, all town officers required by law or by vote of the town to be so chosen, and to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at 9 30 o'clock a. m., and may be closed at 4 o'clock p. m.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 4. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, including sums for the lighting of the streets, the maintenance of the Town Library, the observance of Memorial day, the care and improvement of Cemeteries, and the payment of debt, or take any action relating to the same.

Article 6. To determine the time when all taxes shall be payable, and to make regulations concerning the payment of the same.

Article 7. To see if the town will accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the jury box, or take action relating to the same.

Article 8. To see what compensation the town will allow members of the fire department for their services for the year ensuing.

Article 9. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the town.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to employ counsel in any suit that may be brought against the town.

Article 11. To see if the town will appropriate any money to take care of the clocks on the meeting houses in town.

Article 12. To choose any committee or committees that may be thought necessary,

Article 13. To see if the town will extend the concrete side walk on South Main street, by the new Greenwood building, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Article 14. To see if the town will widen South Main street north of the house of Wm. Sheehan, and construct a side walk from its present terminus to said house, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Article 15. To see if the town will pay Mrs. William McLaughlin \$500. on account of expense incurred during her recovery from a broken hip caused by a fall on the ice on Rhodes street, January 30, 1896.

Article 16. To see if the town will appropriate \$50, to put a cross walk from the westerly terminus of the new road, constructed for the abolition of the Magowan crossing to the sidewalk on the southerly side of the now so called Elm Street Court, or take any action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and repair the sidewalk on Main street, between Canal and Miles streets, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Article 18. To see if the town will cause an electric light to be placed at the corner of Waters and Grove streets, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Article 19. To see if the town will place an electric light near the corner of Howe ave and Lincoln street, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Article 20. To see what action the town will take to dispose of the surface water in the street near the house of Daniel P. Norton.

Article 21. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on Sycamore street, from the corner, near the house of Cornelius Sullivan to the house of Bartholomew Murphy, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote, that all uncollected poll taxes of persons liable for poll taxes only, and living in Town on 1st of January previous to Collector's report, be deducted from the Collector's salary.

Article 23. To see if the town will furnish a storm flag for use in stormy weather.

Article 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to put water in the several school houses, or take any action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will amend Section 6, of Article 1, of its By-Laws, by striking out the words "first day of March" and inserting in place thereof the words: third Wednesday of February, so as to read as follows: Section 6. The fiscal year, as far as the accounts of the several town officers are concerned, shall close on the third Wednesday of February, and all accounts shall be made up to that time.

Article 26. To see what action the town will take to dispose of the surface water in the street near the residence of Mrs. Percival on Miles street.

Article 27. To see if the town will accept, as a town way that portion of Lincoln street, so called, leading from Howe ave, westerly to a point near the residence of William Darling, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Article 28. To see if the town will accept, as a town way that portion of Park street, so called, leading from Hamilton street to Lincoln street, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Article 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money to take care of the fire alarm or take any action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money to purchase rubber blankets for the Fire Department, or take any action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will purchase two (2) twenty-five foot wall ladders, one roof cutter bar and one pair of electric wire cutters, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 32. To see if the town will put town water into the engine rooms, at Bramanville, and the Town Hall building, raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at each of the Post Offices and at the First Congregational Church in Bramanville, in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

SAMUEL E. HULL,

ROBERT BOOTH,

HUDSON W. HAKES.

Selectmen of Millbury.

LIST OF JURORS.

Prepared by the Selectmen for acceptance by the Town
of Millbury.

Balcom, Willard
Bancroft, Henry L.
Barker, Calvin W.
Batcheller, A. H.
Bennett, C. F.
Brackett, Calvin R.
Braham, Daniel
Branagan, William
Brown, Thomas
Burton, John A.

Carter, Rufus
Chase, Geo. F.
Colbrook, Chas. H.
Coulter, John
Crane, John C.
Crane, R. R.
Cunningham, C. W.

Dolan, Edward H.
Ducharme, Damien
Dowd, Thos. A.
Donlon, Thomas
Faron, Patrick
Faron, Michael J.
Feehan, Benj. J.
Ferguson, James H.

Goldthwait, M. B.
Gould, Chas. A.

Leary, William
Livermore, Anson G.

Lindsay, Victor A.
Longley, C. C.
Lovell, Charles E.
Lyons, J. F.
Mack, John J.
Mallalieu, Chas. W.
Martin, John
Maxham, C. H.
Molt, Robert E.
Morris, Arthur
Mulhane, Dennis
McCracken, Herbert
McIntire, B. F.

Neudeck, G. A.
Newell, Henry E.
Newton, Chas. T.

Paine, Benj. O.
Patterson, William

Rice, Samuel
Ring, David
Slocum, Aratus B.
Snow, Warren F.
Stockwell, Herbert
Stockwell, Wm. H.
Sturtevant, Thos. H.
Spooner, S. C.
Taft, Chas. F.
Tebo, Charles
Van Ostrand, Henry
Waters, Samuel D.
Whitney, Chas. A.

